

23 APR 1981

MINUTES

OF THE 6 APRIL 1981

MEETING OF THE FINE ARTS COMMISSION

1. The meeting was called to order at 1100 hrs. in room 2D03 Headquarters. Present were:

Members:

Bruce T. Johnson, Chairman

Consultant:

Representatives:



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2. The minutes of the 9 March 1981 meeting were approved as submitted.

3. Old Business

25X1 a. Draft guidelines for use of the display screens were delivered to the Chairman [redacted]. He will review and coordinate with several members for consensus. If all are in agreement they will be published.

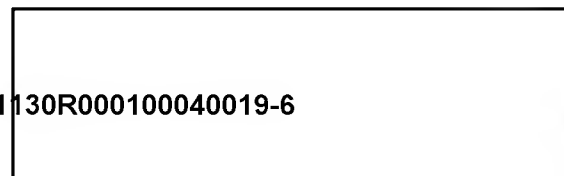
25X1 b. [redacted] reported on the standard format for time sensitive displays. He presented four possible models for these displays and suggested a brightly colored background to which black and white notices could be easily affixed. The Commission approved the concept and [redacted] was asked to present a final proposal at the next meeting. He will also meet with the principal generators of emergency or time sensitive messages and will draw up a draft set of procedures for the standard format.

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25X1 c. [redacted] reported on the information he had recieved on replacements for the display cases. He had brochures from two companies and information from a third which makes display cases to order. He reported dissatisfaction with the information, however, and said he was waiting for additional catalogs. [redacted] will make available some information from the manufacturer of the existing display cases.

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25X1 d. [ ] presented information provided by [ ]  
25X1 [ ] on the lighting of the Presidential photographs.  
25X1 Discussions with GSA indicate that the lighting can be  
increased. [ ] suggested individual lighting be used  
but several members expressed concern about the possibility that  
intense light might fade the photographs. It was agreed to wait  
and see what will happen when the overhead lighting is increased.

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25X1 e. [ ] reported that she had no new  
information about directional signs in the Headquarters  
building. Mr. Johnson said he had talked to [ ] about  
having the DDO components provide [ ] with their  
requirements for room signs.

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f. Mr. Johnson reported that his meeting with Vincent  
Melzac had gone well. He found Mr. Melzac enthusiastic and  
supportive of CIA in general and its fine arts program in  
particular. They had discussed the possibility of obtaining from  
the National Museum of American Art a display of paintings by  
Alma Thomas and had also discussed the possibility that  
Mr. Melzac, through his art world connections, might be able to  
obtain more traditional paintings for Agency display. They had  
agreed that Mr. Johnson would send Mr. Melzac a letter  
identifying those items in the Melzac Collection which were  
candidates for rotation after which Mr. Melzac would arrange for  
a subcommittee to look at replacement canvases.

Mr. Johnson reported that he had convened a subcommittee  
which had identified six paintings for rotation. A letter  
identifying the works has been sent to Mr. Melzac.

25X1 g. The Chairman had hoped to introduce the new member  
of the FAC, [ ], but he could not attend the meeting and  
will be introduced at the next meeting.

#### 4. New Business

25X1 a. [ ] had provided [ ] with information  
on planned exhibits:

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- May-June - Trekking through Nepal (same photographer  
as Vietnamese pictures in recent exhibit)
- July-Sept - OMS historical pictures on medical  
subjects.
- Oct-mid-Nov - Employee Art Display (paintings &  
sculptures)

The Commission endorsed these proposed exhibits.

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25X1 The subject of a craft show came up and a need for an  
25X1 organizer was mentioned. [ ] volunteered and will get  
in touch with [ ] There was general interest in the  
possibility of a display of chess pieces, perhaps in cooperation  
with the Agency Chess Club, and the possibility was suggested  
that, should we need an additional display, we could remount a  
black and white photograph display which had last been displayed  
eight years ago.

25X1 b. [ ] reported on several other items:

-- The sign for the wilderness trail would be 18" x  
24". With one post it would cost \$300 and with two  
posts, \$500, plus an installation fee of \$150. The  
Committee approved a one post sign. The Chairman  
will get together with Messrs. Beck and Brophy to  
determine where the sign should be placed.

-- Chips on trail - [ ] contacted John Pickerol of  
GSA and he said they would have it done in 3 or 4  
weeks. A notice & map will be published as soon as  
the trail is paved.

-- West Parking Lot Staircase - The monies have been  
allocated. A study and survey is under way and  
should be done within two weeks.

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c. Mr. Johnson reported that a suggestion had been  
received on installing a paved path from southwest entrance to

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